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SUBJECT: SCANDINAVIAN RECOGNITION OF DPRK.

SUMMARY: FONMIN IS MAKING LAST DITCH EFFORT TO
POSTPONE RECOGNITION OF DPRK BY DENMARK AND SWEDEN AND WOULD

APPRECIATE FURTHER U. S. INTERCESSION. U. S. EFFORTS
IN WASHINGTON, STOCKHOLM AND COPENHAGEN WERE REVIEWED AND
LITTLE HOPE OFFERED THAT THERE WAS ANYTHING FURTHER U. S.
COULD ACCOMPLISH. ROKG QUESTIONING SWEDEN' S CONTINUING
PRESENCE IN NNSC AND UTILITY OF THIS BODY. END SUMMARY.

1. FONMIN CALLED IN CHARGE' TO MAKE PLEA FOR A LAST DITCH
EFFORT TO BLOCK SWEDISH AND DANISH RECOGNITION OF THE DPRK.
HE SAID THAT DANISH AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN TOKYO AND NOW
IN SEOUL HAD TOLD HIM THAT IN HIS PERSONAL JUDGMENT THERE
WAS REASON TO HOPE DANISH GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO
AT LEAST DELAY RECOGNITION UNTIL THE FALL. KIM, CLUTCHING
AT THIS HOPE, HAD CALLED IN BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO ASK FOR HMG
INTERCESSION WITH THE SWEDES. HE HAD CONSIDERED BUT DISCARDED
THOUGHT OF ASKING FOR JAPANESE SUPPORT. KIM SAID HE RECOGNIZED

OUR INFLUENCE IN STOCKHOLM WAS NOT GREAT THESE DAYS BUT THAT
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PERHAPS U. S. REQUEST FOR DELAY UNTIL AFTER UNGA MIGHT BE SUCCESSFUL.

2. CHARGE' REVIEWED STRONG EFFORTS WE HAD MADE IN WASHINGTON AND THE TWO SCANDINAVIAN CAPITALS, INCLUDING DEPUTY SECRETARY' S RECENT CONVERSATION WITH DANISH AMBASSADOR (STATE 45660) AND SAID THAT THERE WAS NO APPARENT RECENT CHANGE IN SITUATION OR NEW ARGUMENTS THAT GAVE ANY PROMISE THAT FURTHER U. S. EFFORTS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

3. KIM SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF AND MOST GRATEFUL FOR PAST U. S. ASSISTANCE AND WOULD, OF COURSE, BE GUIDED BY OUR JUDGMENT ON WHETHER FURTHER MOVES WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE. HE URGED THAT WE EXAMINE THE MATTER AGAIN AND DO WHAT WE COULD.

4. KIM NEXT OBSERVED THAT SWEDISH RECOGNITION OF DPRK WOULD CREATE IMBALANCE IN NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION AND THAT WHILE THIS BODY WAS NOW INACTIVE, ROKG WOULD HAVE TO EXPECT A THREE TO ONE HOSTILE MAJORITY IF NNSC WERE EVER REACTIVATED. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER NNSC UNDER THESE CIRCUSMTANCES HAD ANY FURTHER UTILITY AND ASKED WHETHER SWEDEN MIGHT BE DETERRED FROM RECOGNITION IF IT WERE TOLD IT COULD THEN NO LONGER PARTICIPATE IN NNSC. KIM IMPLIED SWEDEN MIGHT PLACE DOMESTIC

POLITICALVALUE IN MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP ON AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE KEEPING CONTROL BODY.

5. CHARGE' REVIEWED RATIONALE FOR CONTINUATION OF ADMITTEDLY INACTIVE NNSC AS AN INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE AND ELEMENT DETERRING A NORTH KOREAN ATTACK. HE SAID HE HAD NO FIRM BASIS FOR JUDGMENT BUT QUESTIONED WHETHER THREAT OF EXPLUSION FROM NNSC WOULD INCLINE THE SWEDES TO RECONSIDER. THE FONMIN REQUESTED USG VIEWS ON BOTH CONTINUING UTILITY OF NNSC AND POSSIBLE LEVERAGE SWEDISH MEMBERSHIP MIGHT GIVE US IN RECOGNITION PROBLEM.
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